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SUBJ: ISRAELI ELECTIONS-INITIAL WEST BANK REACTIONS

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1. INITIAL WEST BANK REACTION TO LIKUD'S MAY 17
VICTORY IS STRONGLY NEGATIVE.

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH CONSUL GENERAL MAY 18,
LEADING EAST JERUSALEM NOTABLE ANWAR NUSEIBEH
THOUGHT OUTCOME OF MAY 17 ELECTION "DISASTROUS."
ASSUMING LIKUD WOULD FORM GOVERNMENT WITH DMC, NRP
OTHER RELIGIOUS PARTIES AND SHLOMZION, HE THOUGH
THAT THIS WOULD LEAVE THE PALESTINIANS AND
ARABS WITH VERY FEW OPTIONS SINCE IT WAS HARD
TO SEE HOW PEACE NEGOTIATIONS COULD TAKE PLACE
ON BASIS OF LIKUD'S ANNEXATIONIST PLATFORM.

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3. NUSEIBEH THOUGHT TWO MAIN FACTORS WERE
RESPONSIBLE. ONE WAS THAT LABOR AFTER 29
YEARS HAD LOST ITS ELAN AND RECENT SCANDALS
WERE RESULT OF HAVING BEEN IN POWER TOO LONG.
OTHER FACTOR WAS FEELING THAT TIME FAST APPROACHING
FOR HARD DECISIONS ON THE ISSUES OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES
AND A PALESTINIAN HOMELAND. NUSEIBEH THOUGHT

OUTCOME ON TERRITORIAL ISSUE PROBABLY REFLECT
TRUE CENTER OF GRAVITY SINCE MANY
LABORITES IN THEIR HEART OF HEARTS WERE AS
ANNEXATIONIST AS BEGIN. NUSEIBEH COMMENTED
THAT SOME OF HIS EAST JERUSALEM FRIENDS TOOK
CERTAIN AMOUNT OF SATISFACTION ON GROUNDS
THAT TRUE ISRAELI MAJORITY SENTIMENT HAD
NOW BEEN REVEALED ON THIS CRUCIAL POINT.
NUSEIBEH TOOK CONTRARY VIEW AND THOUGHT
US EFFORT TO RELAUNCH NEGOTIATIONS HAD SUFFERED
SERIOUS SET-BACK. THE ONLY COMFORT HE COULD
TAKE WAS POSSIBILITY THAT LIKUD WOULD BE UNABLE
TO PUT TOGETHER A COALITION AND THAT LABOR
TOGETHER WITH DMC AND NRP MIGHT EVENTUALLY
FORM NEXT COALITION.

4. INITIAL REACTIONS MANY CHRISTIAN ARABS IS ONE
OF DEEP FOREBODING BASED ON BEGIN'S PAST AND HIS
MAY 18 STATEMENT THAT JUDEA AND SAMARIA
ARE LIBERATED TERRITORIES.
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